

"MATCHBOX"®

COLLECTOR'S CATALOG U.S.A. EDITION 1969





No. CC 300
Collector's Case
Holds 48 Models
\$3.00

"MATCHBOX" COLLECTOR'S CASES

These handsome official cases are what every "MATCHBOX" owner needs for storage or travel. Special plastic lift-out trays protect your models. The plastic cases are scuff-resistant, with strong handles and nickel-plated snap locks. (Models not included).

Also available
No. CC 24
Mini Collector's Case
Holds 24 models
(not illustrated)
\$1.69

"Prices in this catalogue may be slightly higher west of the Rocky Mountains."



No. CC 572
De Luxe Collector's Case
Holds 72 Models
\$5.49



"MATCHBOX"
HOME
DISPLAY



NEW
SNAP-LOCK
COVER
TONGUE AND
GROOVE
FEATURE
INTERLOCKS
CASES

These new cases hold five models and can be hung on the wall or stacked as they interlock. Convenient snap-in lid, made of sturdy crystal-clear plastic. An ideal way to care for and display your "MATCHBOX" Collection.

No. HD "MATCHBOX"
Home Display 49¢ ea.



"MATCHBOX" TRAFFIC GAME

A new, action-packed game, with choices, chances, and a traffic signal.

Hours of fun for 2 to 4 players, two cars included.

No. FB-5 "MATCHBOX" Traffic Game \$5.00



"MATCHBOX" MOTORWAY

Put action in your "MATCHBOX" collection with this great Motorway – special adaptors do the trick – fit any "MATCHBOX" model. Has 14 feet of track, two variable speed controllers, UL listed power pack. Complete with two cars for racing excitement and re-usable adaptors to run up to 10 models in traffic patterns.

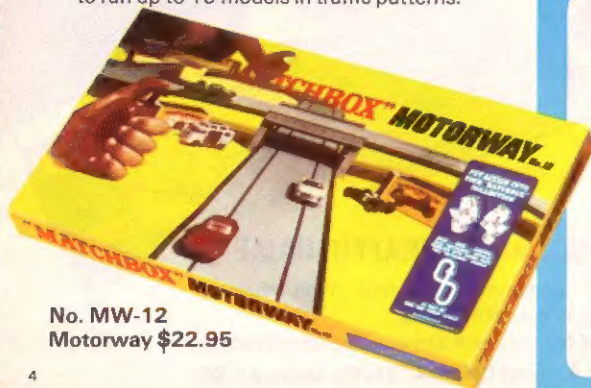


NEW! Extension Set for "MATCHBOX" Motorway

Make your Motorway No. 12 longer, speedier, trickier. Contains all parts needed to build sixteen different layouts, with over six feet more of track. Includes bridge supports.

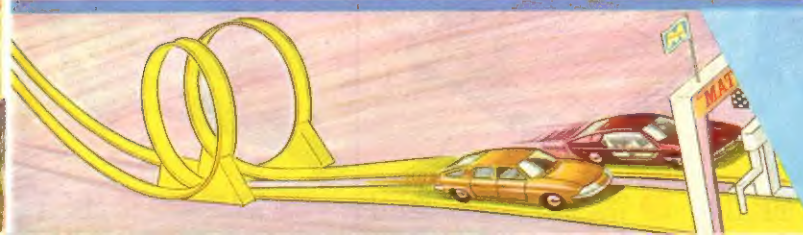
No. MWA-6 Extension Set \$7.00

Extra parts also available in individual packs.



**No. MW-12
Motorway \$22.95**

"MATCHBOX" Superfast



Superfast

Super quality, super styled! — new "MATCHBOX" superfast models could possibly be described as the fastest free running cars ever! Packed with action, these great new models easily loop the loop or any other stunt you can possibly devise with the "MATCHBOX" super track.

Superfast "MATCHBOX", the models with the extra zip.

"MATCHBOX"

SERIES No. 1-75

Regular Packs 55¢

Blister Packs
slightly higher

The terrific new
"MATCHBOX"
Steering system



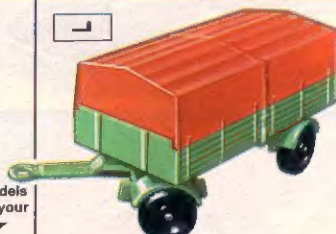
Another "MATCHBOX" first! – "AUTOSTEER". This unique device, developed by the "MATCHBOX" Design team, turns the front wheels in either direction by simple pressure. Look for it on the latest "MATCHBOX" releases.



Tick the models
you have in your
collection ▼

1 Mercedes Truck
3 ins. 76mm.

YES ☐



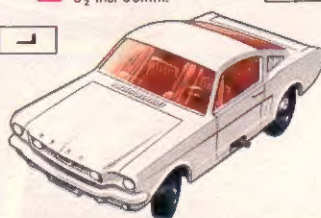
2 Mercedes Trailer
3½ ins. 90mm.

YES ☐



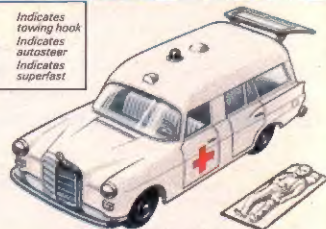
7 Ford Refuse Truck
3 ins. 76mm.

YES ☐



8 Ford Mustang Fastback
2½ ins. 74mm.

YES ☐



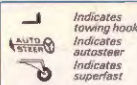
**Mercedes Benz Binz
Ambulance**
2½ ins. 74mm.

YES ☐



9 Boat and Trailer
3½ ins. 90mm.

YES ☐





4 Stake Truck

2 $\frac{7}{8}$ ins. 74mm.

YES ☐



10 Pipe Truck

3 ins. 75mm.

YES ☐

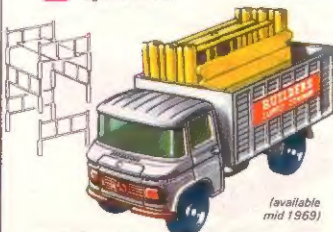


(available
late 1969)

5 Lotus Europa

2 $\frac{7}{8}$ ins. 73mm.

YES ☐



(available
mid 1969)

11 Scaffold Truck

2 $\frac{7}{8}$ ins. 67mm.

YES ☐



6 Ford Pick-Up

2 $\frac{7}{8}$ ins. 71mm.

YES ☐



12 Safari Land-Rover

2 $\frac{7}{8}$ ins. 70mm.

YES ☐

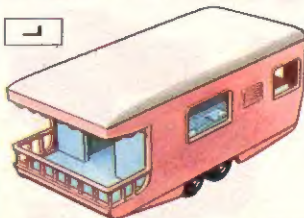


13 Wreck Truck 3 ins. 76mm. ☐ YES ☐

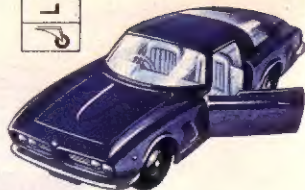


(available mid-1969)

18 Field Car 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins. 67mm. ☐ YES ☐



23 Trailer Caravan 3 ins. 76mm. ☐ YES ☐



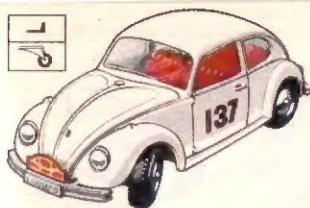
14 Iso Grifo 3 ins. 76mm. ☐ YES ☐



19 Lotus Racing Car 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 70mm. ☐ YES ☐



24 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow 3 ins. 76mm. ☐ YES ☐



15 Volkswagen 1500
2½ ins. 74mm.

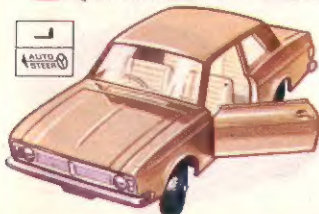
YES ☐



(available late 1969)

20 Lamborghini Marzal
2½ ins. 70mm.

YES ☐

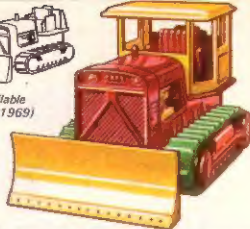


25 Ford Cortina G.T.
2½ ins. 67mm.

YES ☐



(available mid-1969)



16 Case Bulldozer
2½ ins. 65mm.

YES ☐



21 Foden Concrete Truck
3 ins. 76mm.

YES ☐



26 GMC Tipper Truck 2½ ins. 67mm.

YES ☐



(available mid-1969)

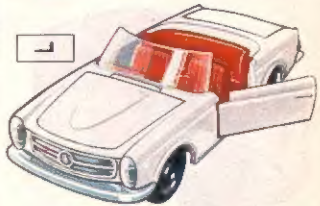
17 Horse Box
2½ ins. 74mm.

YES ☐



22 Pontiac Grand Prix
3 ins. 76mm.

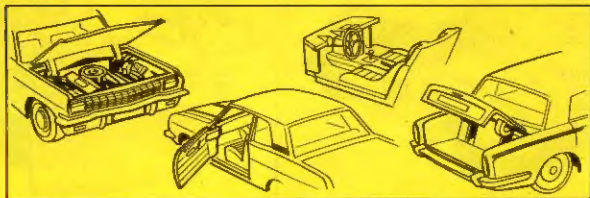
YES ☐



27 Mercedes 230 SL
2½ ins. 71mm.

YES ☐

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28 Mack Dump Truck
2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins. 67mm.

YES ☐



29 Fire Pump
3 ins. 76mm.

YES ☐



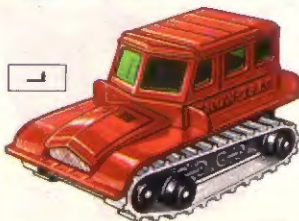
30 8-Wheel Crane
3 ins. 76mm.

YES ☐



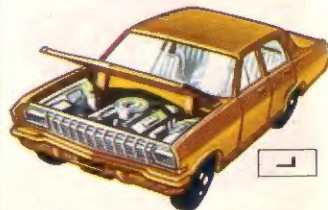
34 Volkswagen Camper
2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins. 65mm.

YES ☐



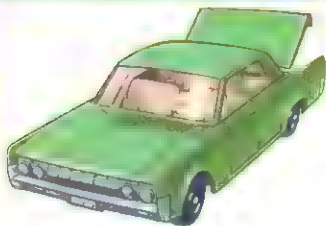
35 Snow-Trac Tractor
2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins. 56mm.

YES ☐



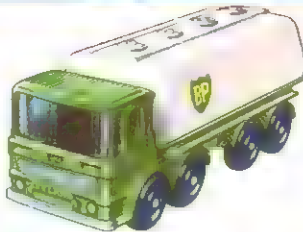
36 Opel Diplomat
2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins. 70mm.

YES ☐



31 Lincoln Continental
2 ns 65mm

YES ☐



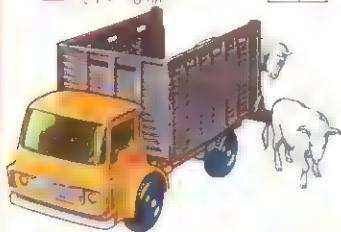
32 Leyland Petrol Tanker
2 ns 65mm

YES ☐



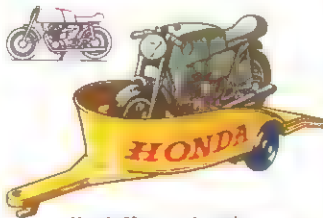
33 Lamborghini Miura
2 ns 65mm

YES ☐



37 Cattle Truck
2 ns 65mm

YES ☐



38 Honda Motorcycle with
Trailer
3 ns 76mm

YES ☐



39 Ford Tractor
2 ns 54mm

YES ☐



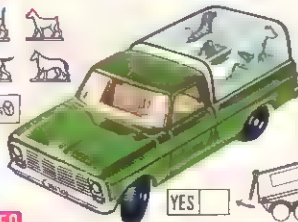
40 Hay Trailer
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 86mm

YES ☐



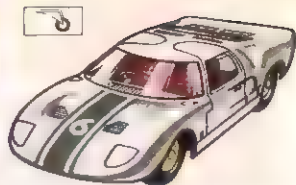
45 Ford Corsair with Boat
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 67mm

YES ☐



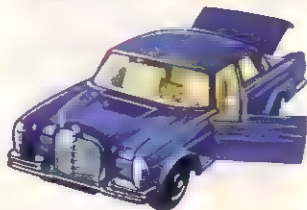
50 Kennel Truck 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 70mm

YES ☐



41 Ford G.T.
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 67mm

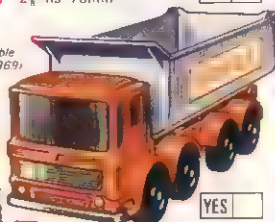
YES ☐



46 Mercedes 300SE
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 73mm

YES ☐

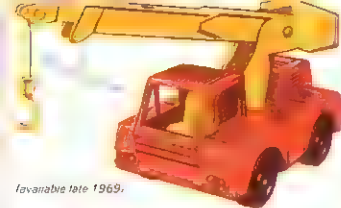
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mid 1969)



51 8-Wheel Tipper 3 ins. 76mm

YES ☐

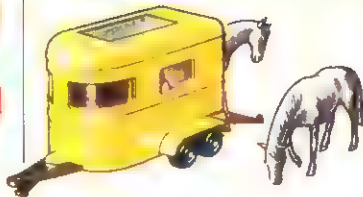




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42 Fairy Iron Crane
3 ins. 76mm

YES ☐



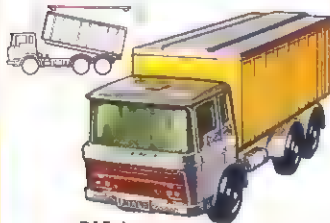
43 Pony Trailer
2½ ins. 67mm

YES ☐



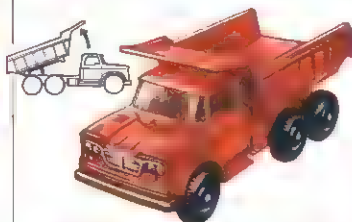
44 Refrigeration Truck
3 ins. 76mm

YES ☐



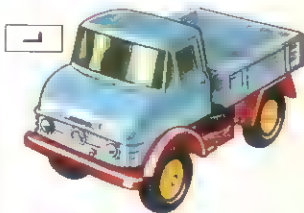
47 DAF tipper Container Truck
3 ins. 76mm

YES ☐



48 Dumper Truck
3 ins. 76mm

YES ☐



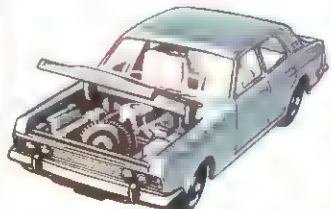
49 Unimog
2½ ins. 62mm

YES ☐



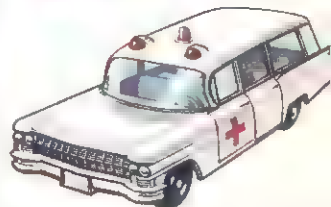
52 BRM Racing Car
2½ ins. 70mm

YES ☐



53 Ford Zodiac MkIV
2½ ins. 70mm

YES ☐



54 Cadillac Ambulance
2½ ins. 73mm

YES ☐

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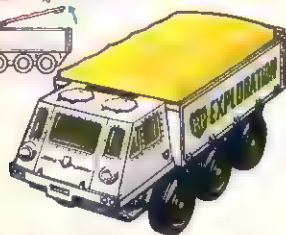
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55 Police Car
3 $\frac{1}{8}$ in. 73mm

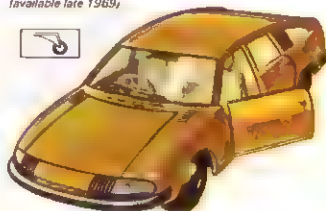
YES ☐



61 Alvis Stalwart
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 66mm

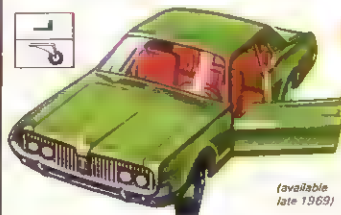
YES ☐

(available late 1969)



56 BMC 1100 Pininfarina
2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. 70mm

YES ☐



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late 1969)

62 Mercury Cougar
3 ins. 76mm

YES ☐



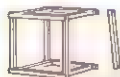
57 Land-Rover Fire Truck
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins 64mm

YES ☐



63 Dodge Crane Truck
3 ins 76mm

YES ☐



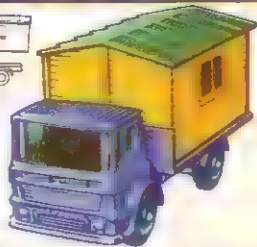
58 DAF Girder Truck
3 ins 76mm

YES ☐



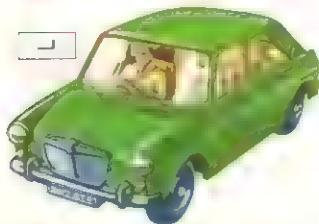
59 Fire Chief Car
2 1/2 ins 73mm

YES ☐



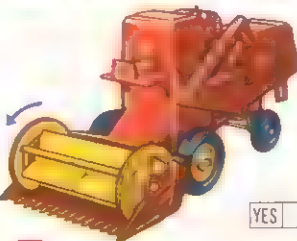
60 Truck with Site Office
2 x ins 65mm

YES ☐



64 MG 1100
2 1/2 ins 66mm

YES ☐



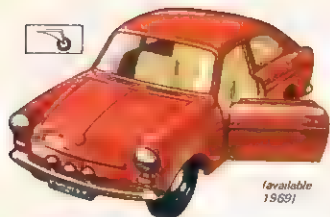
65 Combine Harvester 3 ins 76mm

YES ☐



66 Greyhound Bus
3 ins 76mm

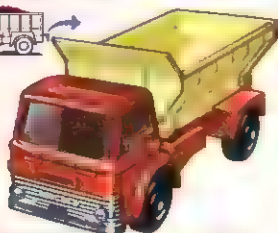
YES ☐



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1969)

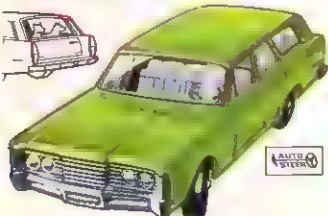
67 Volkswagen 1600 TL
2 $\frac{1}{16}$ ins. 68mm.

YES ☐



70 Grit Spreader
2 $\frac{5}{16}$ ins. 67mm

YES ☐



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STEER

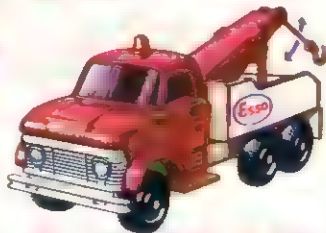
73 Mercury Commuter
3 $\frac{1}{16}$ ns. 67mm

YES ☐



68 Mercedes Coach
2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins. 73mm

YES ☐



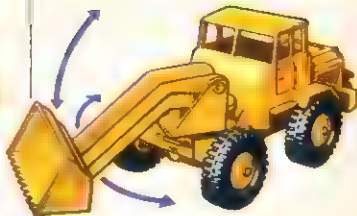
71 Ford Heavy Wreck Truck
3 ins. 76mm

YES ☐



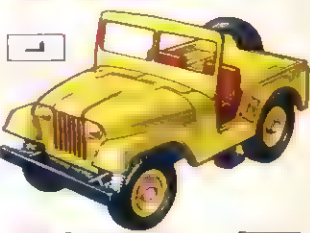
74 Daimler Bus
3 ins. 76mm

YES ☐



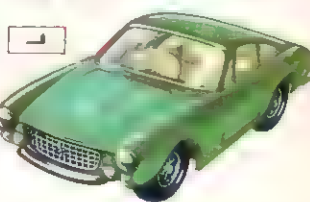
69 Hatra Tractor Shovel
3 $\frac{1}{8}$ ins. 80mm

YES ☐



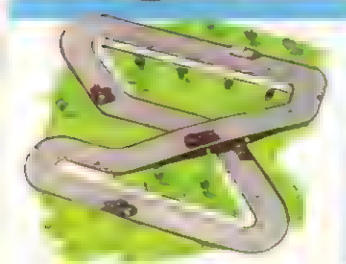
72 Standard Jeep
2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins. 61mm

YES ☐



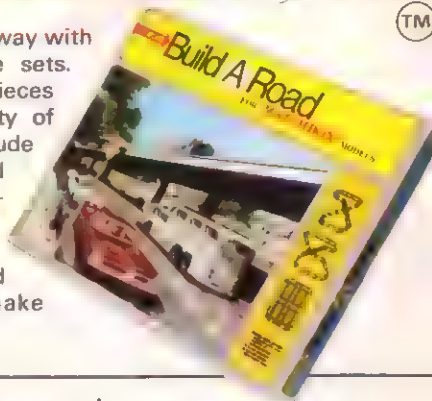
75 Ferrari Berlinetta
2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. 73mm

YES ☐



"MATCHBOX" Build A RoadTM

Build your own highway with one of these three sets. Interlocking plastic pieces make a wide variety of layouts — parts include straight and curved road and curb, intersection, guard rails, traffic signs, lamp posts. Super and DeLuxe sets make bridges, too!



No. BR-1

Build-A-Road†

More than 50 pieces **\$5.00**

No. BR-2

Super Build-A-Road†

More than 90 pieces **\$7.00**

No. BR-3

DeLuxe Build-A-Road

More than 130 pieces **\$9.00**

ACCESSORY PACKS†

\$1.00 each

No. BR-11

(six pcs. 6 ins. straight track)

No. BR-12

(2 complete 4-way intersections)

No. BR-13

(10 pcs. 45° curved track)

No. BR-14

(bridge supports and railings)

† not illustrated



"MATCHBOX" POP-UP ROADWAYS

A great new idea from "MATCHBOX" -- Pop-Up -- Fold Away Roadways, realistically colored, three dimensional stand up cardboard cutouts which form Roadways, Building Sites and Farmyards. They offer endless hours of fun for you and your friends with all of your "MATCHBOX" models.

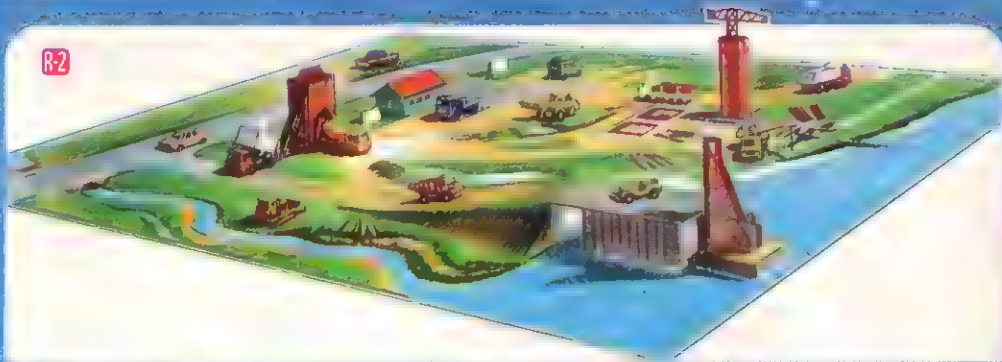
R-1 ROADWAY, incorporates an overpass, road signs and buildings. $35\frac{1}{2}$ ins. x $23\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 90 cms x 59 cms. **Price 65¢**

R-2 CONSTRUCTION SITE, New for 1969, with loading ramps, buildings and sandbanks. $35\frac{1}{2}$ ins x $23\frac{1}{2}$ ins 90 cms x 59 cms. **Price 65¢**

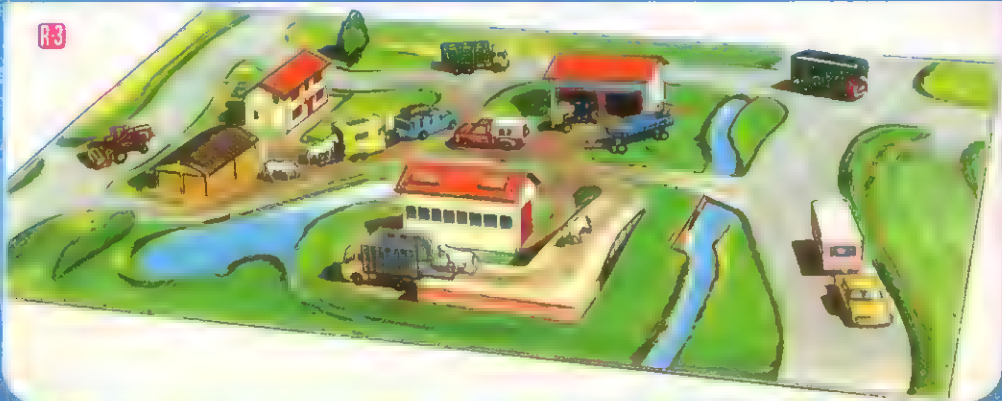
R-3 FARMYARD, with sheds, loading ramp houses and hedges $35\frac{1}{2}$ ins x $23\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 90 cms x 59 cms. **Price 65¢**



R-2



R-3





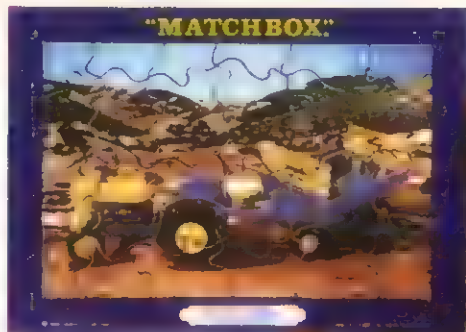
"MATCHBOX"

**MG-1 SERVICE STATION
with forecourt**

Treat your "MATCHBOX" cars to the proper service with this wonderful plastic BP garage. Complete in every possible detail, compact and neatly styled after the modern garages of today. Adds extra play value to your "MATCHBOX" collection.

Available mid-1969

Price \$3



NEW "MATCHBOX" PICTURE PUZZLES

Start your collection now!

Now you can have colorful, tricky jigsaw puzzles of "MATCHBOX" models that later make up into beautiful pictures to hang on your wall!

These aren't ordinary puzzles. These are specially designed inlay puzzles that have a self-adhesive backing so you can permanently mount them in their attractive frame. Make them and break them up again and again. To make a permanent picture to decorate your room, remove the protective backing and press into frame. Don't miss the first issue of the "MATCHBOX" jigsaw puzzles to be introduced this year. Each measures 5 ins. x 7 ins. with the model introduction date and a description plaque on the frame.

Price
39¢
each

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"MATCHBOX" King Size models are King Size value and King Size quality. They are packed full of working parts giving real action — trucks that tip, cranes that lift, doors that open, mixer drums that turn and wheels that

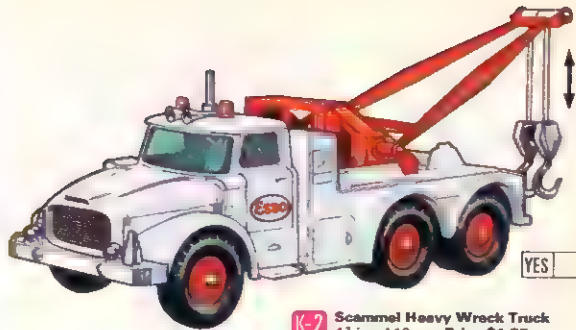
"MATCHBOX"

KING SIZE

steer with the unique "MATCHBOX" True Guide.

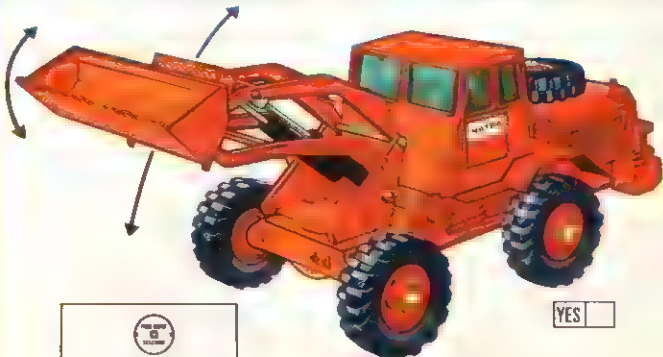
This super 1969 King Size range is the best yet with a terrific variety of vehicles, accurately detailed, full of action plus loads of exclusive "MATCHBOX" features.

The sensational "MATCHBOX" news of the year — more excitingly fabulous King Size cars!



YES ☐

K-2 Scammell Heavy Wreck Truck
4½ ins. 110mm Price \$1.75



YES ☐

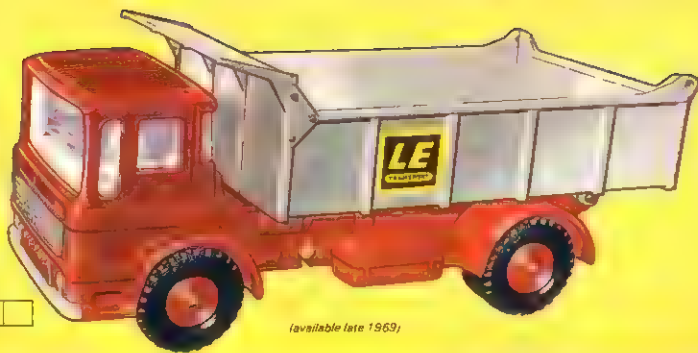
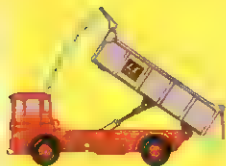


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Foden Tipper Truck
4½ ins. 108mm.
Price \$1.50

YES ☐

K-3 Hatra Tractor Shovel
6 ins. 150mm. Price \$2.00

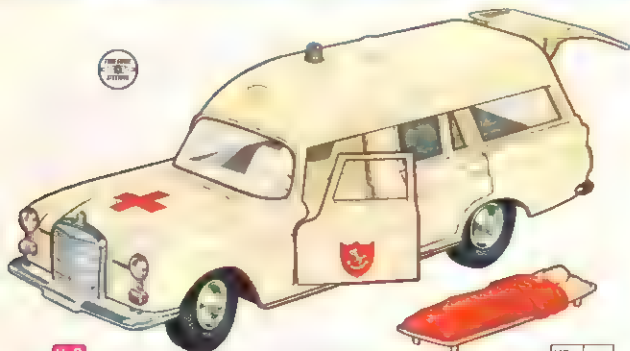


K-4

Leyland Tipper
4½ ins. 114mm.

YES

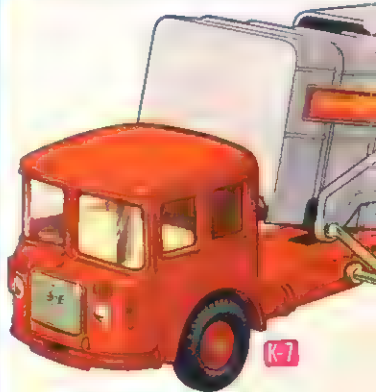
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K-6

Mercedes Benz Binz Ambulance 4½ ins. 105mm Price \$1.75

YES

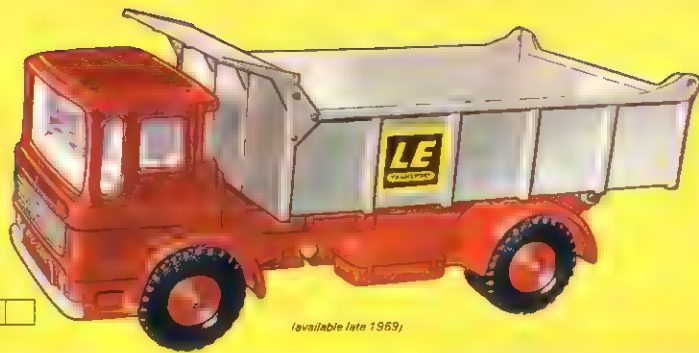


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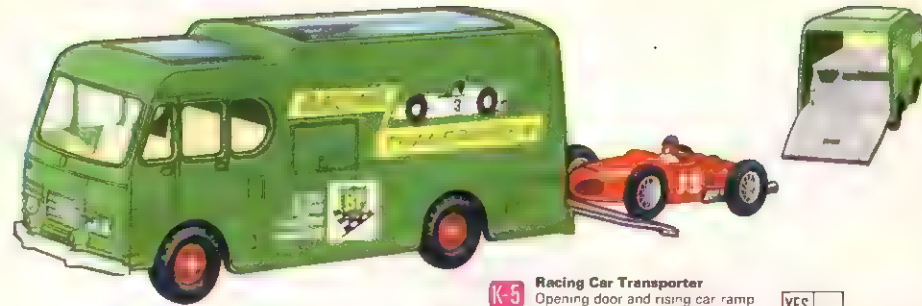


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4½ ins. 114mm.

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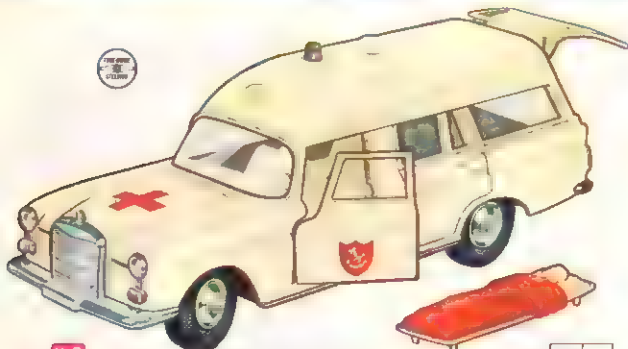


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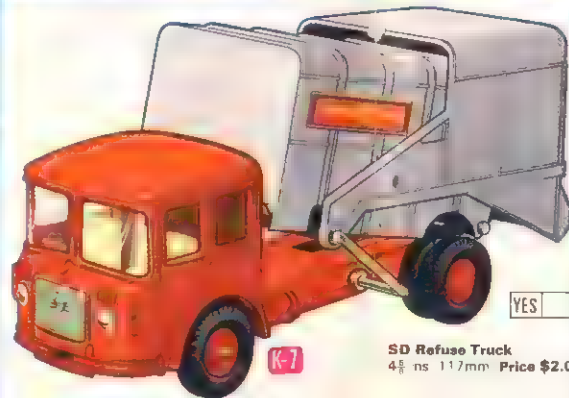
K-5 Racing Car Transporter
Opening door and rising car ramp
5 ins. 127mm Price \$2.00

YES ☐



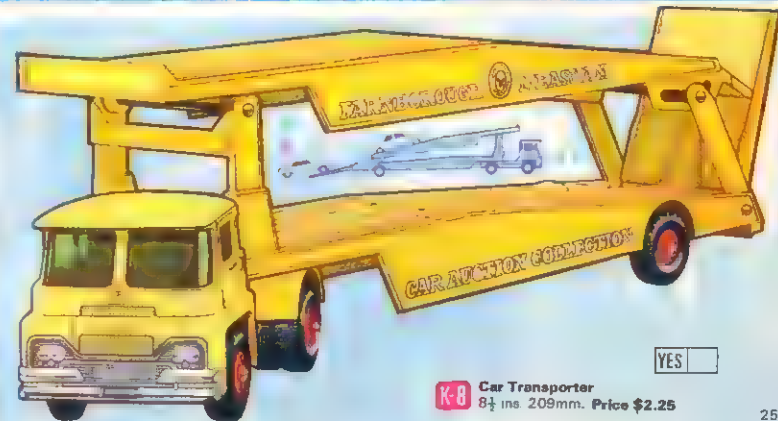
K-6 Mercedes Benz Birz Ambulance 4½ ins. 105mm. Price \$1.75

YES ☐



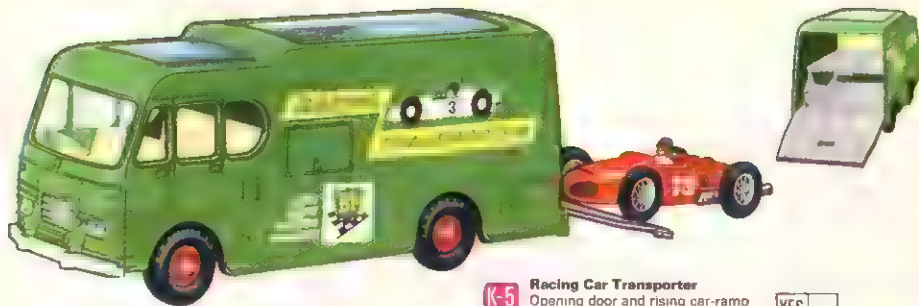
K-7 SD Refuse Truck
4½ ins. 117mm Price \$2.00

YES ☐



K-8 Car Transporter
8½ ins. 209mm. Price \$2.25

YES ☐



K-5

Racing Car Transporter

Opening door and rising car-ramp
5 ins. 127mm. Price \$2.00

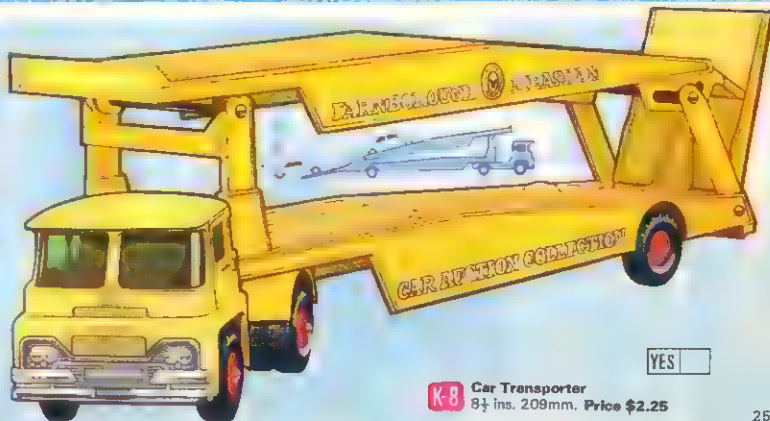
YES ☐



YES ☐

SD Refuse Truck

4 1/2 ins. 117mm. Price \$2.00

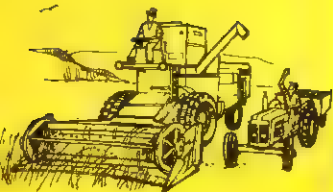


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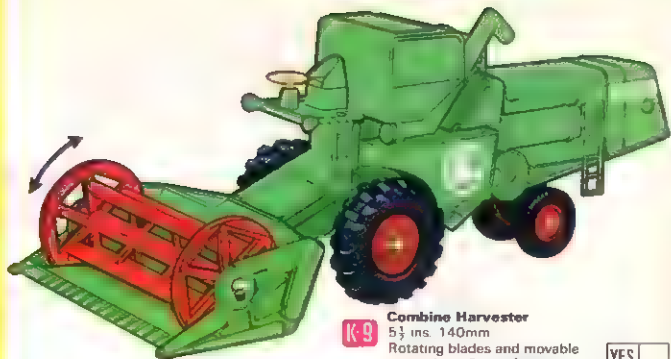
Car Transporter

8 1/2 ins. 209mm. Price \$2.25

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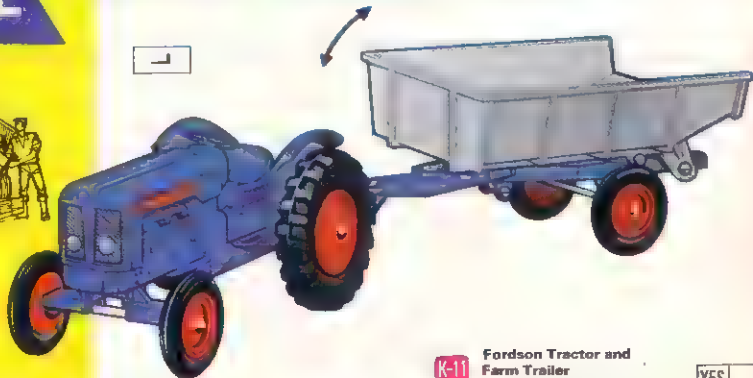


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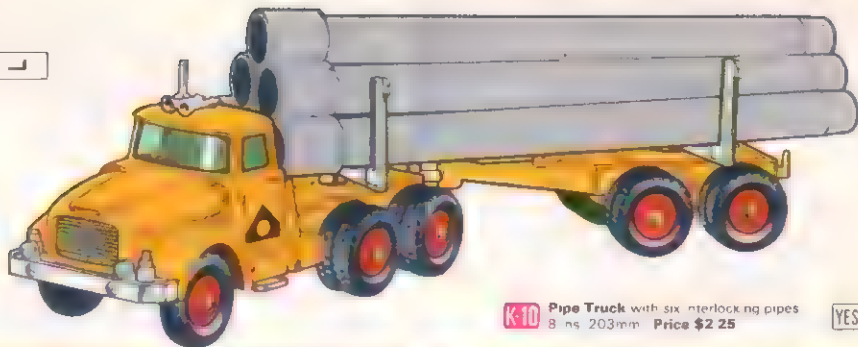
K-9 Combine Harvester
5½ ins. 140mm
Rotating blades and movable
grain chute **Price \$2.00**

YES ☐



K-11 Fordson Tractor and
Farm Trailer
6½ ins. 158mm. **Price \$1.50**

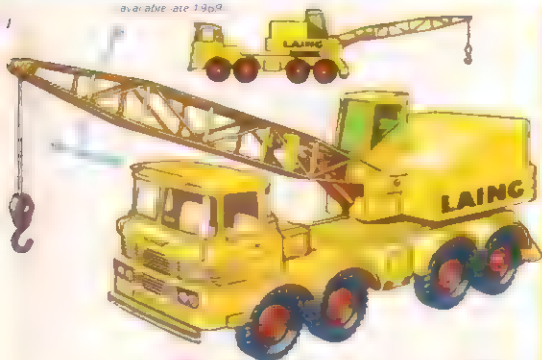
YES ☐



K-10 Pipe Truck with six interlocking pipes
8 in. 203mm Price \$2.25

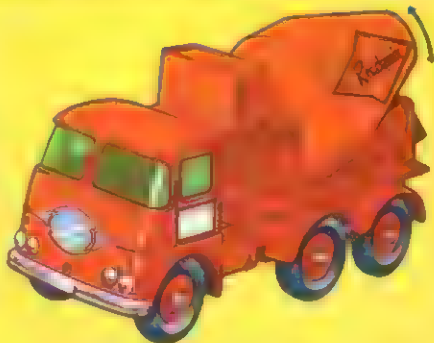
YES ☐

available pre 1969



K-12 Crane Truck
4 1/2 in. 121mm Price \$2.25

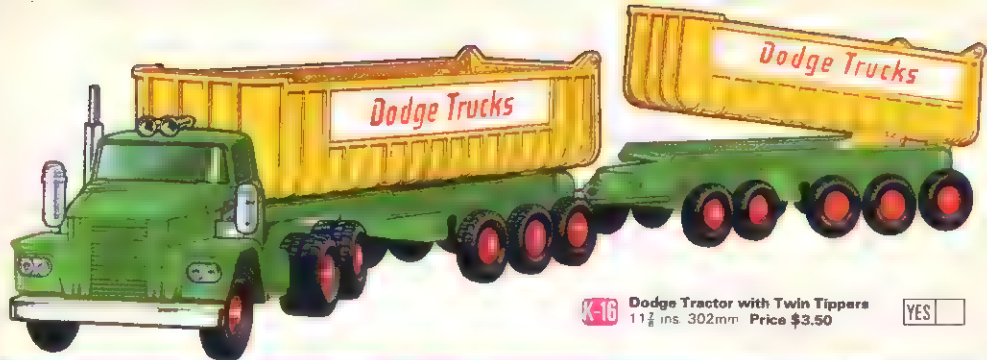
YES ☐



K-13 Ready Mix Concrete Truck
4 1/2 in. 114mm Price \$1.75

YES ☐



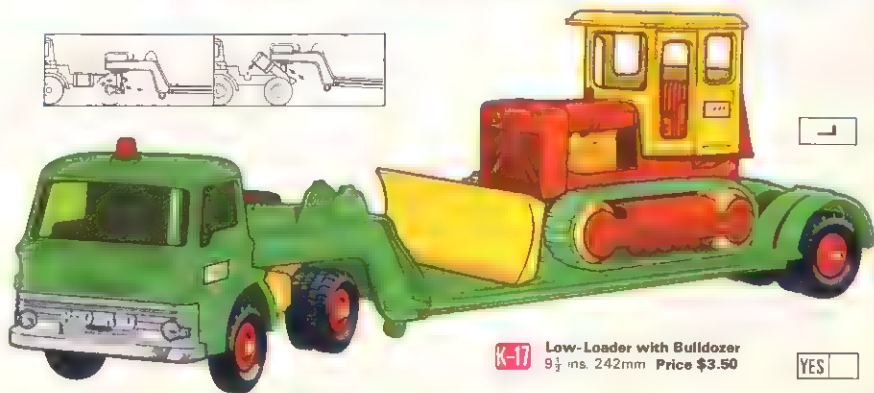
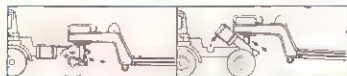


K-16

Dodge Tractor with Twin Tippers
 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 302mm Price \$3.50

YES

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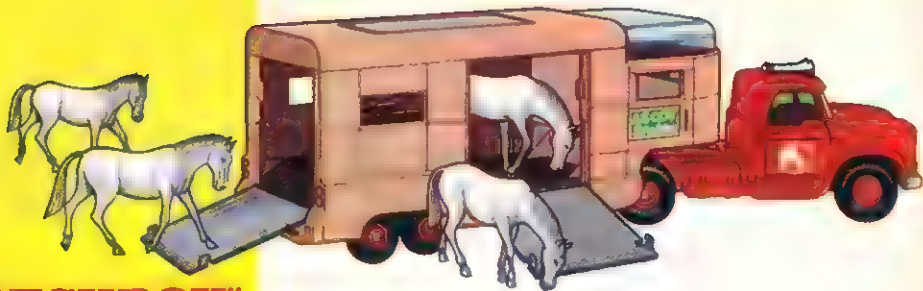


K-17

Low-Loader with Bulldozer
 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 242mm Price \$3.50

YES

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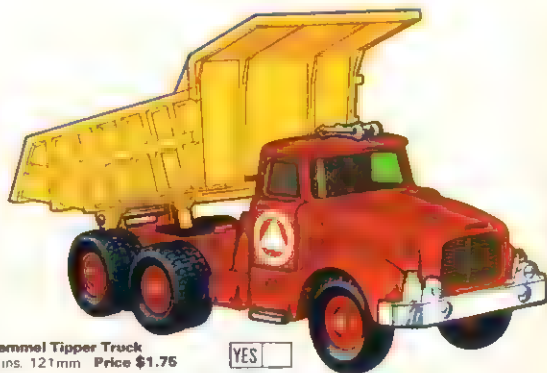


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K-18 Articulated Horse Box
6½ ins. 167mm. Price \$2.50


YES ☐



K-19 Scammel Tipper Truck
4½ ins. 121mm. Price \$1.75

YES ☐



 **Tractor Transporter**
Complete with three detailed tractors
9 ins 228mm. Price \$3.50

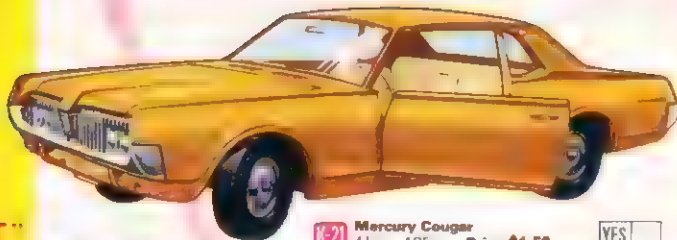
YES ☐

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KING SIZE

CARS

The beautiful Cougar is the first of the new fabulous King Size cars, and now there is the exciting Dodge Charger plus two more terrific action packed models . . . The low, sleek Mercury Commuter and the superb Lamborghini Miura.



K-21 Mercury Cougar
4 $\frac{1}{8}$ ins 105mm Price \$1.50

YES ☐



K-23 Mercury Police Car
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins 111mm
Price \$1.50

YES ☐

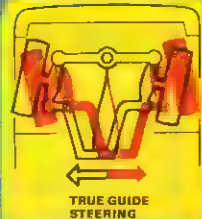




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K-22 Dodge Charger
4½ ins 115mm.
Price \$1.50

YES ☐



(available
mid 1969)

K-24 Lamborghini Miura
4 ins 102mm (Price to be advised)

YES ☐



SUSPENSION



OPENING DOORS



"MATCHBOX"

Y-1 1911 MODEL T FORD

From 1909 until 1927, 15,000,000 Model T Fords were built with no basic engineering changes. These cars were inexpensive, simple, rugged, agile and durable. They could go anywhere. This miniature represents the colorful early "Brass Radiator" model.

3 ins. 76mm.

YES ☐

All Yesteryear Standard Packs \$1.50

All Blister Packs slightly more

Y-2 1911 RENAULT 2-SEATER

This model has a twin cylinder side-valve engine rated at 8 h.p. Today gasoline consumption on this 58-year old car averages 37 m.p.g., maximum speed is 40 m.p.h., and the car has averaged 24.7 m.p.h. over a journey of 200 miles, across England.

3 ins. 76mm.

YES ☐



"Models of Yesteryear"

Y-4 1909 OPEL COUPE

Introduced as the Opel "Doctor's Car", this 2 seater Coupe was originally intended as reliable transport for country physicians but soon found favor with other early motorists as well. Selling for 3950 German marks, the car featured high-pressure tires on detachable steel rims and its four-cylinder 1029 c.c. engine enabled it to reach 34 m.p.h., 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ ins. 79mm.

YES ☐



Y-3 1910 BENZ LIMOUSINE

For a 4-cylinder car of 4950 c.c. this was an advanced machine in its day and could comfortably cruise at almost sixty miles per hour. This "Model of Yesteryear" has been reproduced from the actual machine in the famous Daimler Benz Museum at Stuttgart in Germany. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins. 83mm.

YES ☐

Y-5 1907 PEUGEOT

First built in 1906, the Peugeot had a 12/16 horsepower, 4-cylinder engine cast in pairs, maximum speed – 34 m.p.h. The power was transmitted by chain to the driving wheels. Notable features of this Peugeot were the Traffault shock absorbers, using rubber for the first time which was both efficient and reliable.

3½ ins. 89mm.

YES ☐



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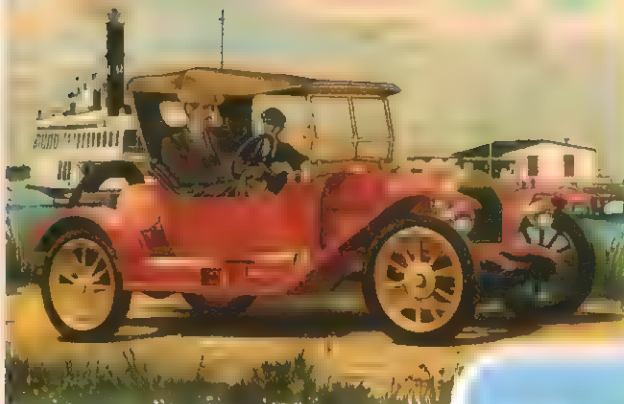
Y-6 1913 CADILLAC

Originally known as the “Standard of the World” the Cadillac is still the Americans’ prestige car.

Powered by a so-called “silent engine” this model had 4-cylinders with a total capacity of 6000 c.c. The car also had dual ignition and what was then the novel feature of a self-starter.

3⅜ ins. 87mm.

YES ☐



Y-8 1914 STUTZ

This attractive model is based on the 1914 STUTZ type 4E Roadster. It had a 4 cylinder, side valve engine of 36.1 horsepower and the rear wheels were driven by a shaft. The 3 speed gearbox was mounted in the rear axle. The STUTZ was to become a symbol of style and performance in the U.S.A. From the private collection of Mr. and Mrs. Helmuth Holze.
 $3\frac{3}{8}$ ins. 86mm.

YES ☐

"Models of Yesteryear"

Y-7 1912 ROLLS-ROYCE

The 6-cylinder, 7046 c.c. engine was so quiet it was likened to a silent sewing machine, and so smooth a penny could be balanced on the radiator. It could travel at 60 m.p.h. and used a gallon of gasoline every 20 miles.

$3\frac{3}{4}$ ins. 96mm.

YES ☐





“MATCHBOX”

Y-9 1912 SIMPLEX

Built in New York, Simplex Cars were among the finest made in America in their day.

This is the Model 58 fitted with a Holbrook toy tonneau body and a $5\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bore and stroke engine. The car is on display at the Long Island Automotive Museum, Southampton, New York, U.S.A. $3\frac{3}{4}$ ins. 96mm.

YES ☐

Y-10 1906 ROLLS ROYCE SILVER GHOST

Powered by a 6 cylinder engine giving a capacity of 7036 c.c. and incorporating a 4 speed gear box, it was capable of a speed of nearly 50 m.p.h. The basic design remained unchanged for 19 years $3\frac{5}{8}$ ins. 94mm.

available late 1969;

YES ☐



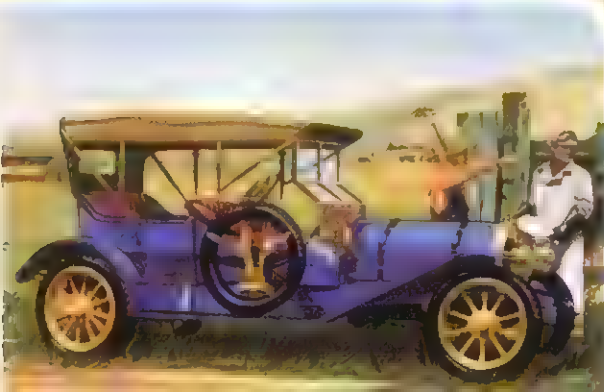
"Models of Yesteryear"

Y-11 1912 PACKARD LANDAULET

The American four-cylinder Packard was one of the finest automobiles of its period. This particular model was purchased and restored by Henry Austin Clark, Jr., and is now at his Long Island Automotive Museum in Southampton, New York.

3½ ins. 82mm.

YES ☐



Y-12 1909 THOMAS FLYABOUT

Claimed by its manufacturers to be the most complete, luxurious and fastest production car made at the time, the Thomas "K" 6-70 was often referred to as "the world's most perfect car". This particular model has been superbly restored by Harrah's Automobile Collection, Reno, Nevada in the U.S.A., where it is now on display.

4 ins. 102mm.

YES ☐

Y-13 1911 DAIMLER

This was the smallest of the famous sleeve-valve engined Daimlers and was made only in 1911, known as the type A12, with an engine of 1700 c.c., this car had the unusual feature of Rudge-Whitworth wire wheels as standard equipment.

3 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins. 85mm.

YES ☐



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Y-14 1911 MAXWELL ROADSTER

This Model GA Maxwell is one of the antique automobiles in the collection of Henry Austin Clark, Jr., of Long Island, New York. It sold for 1400 dollars in 1911 and was described by the manufacturers, the Maxwell-Briscoe Motor Co., as the “Classiest, snappiest, most comfortable two-passenger roadster built”.

3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins. 82mm.

YES ☐



Y-16 1904 SPYKER

This Dutch car will, of course, be familiar to those millions of moviegoers who saw it compete against the Darracq called "Genevieve". It has a four-cylinder, 2456 c.c. engine, and the price in England in 1904 was £460.
3¼ ins. 83mm.

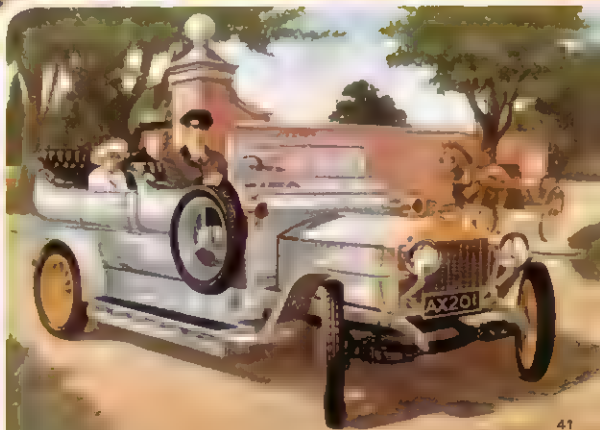
YES ☐

"Models of Yesterday"

Y-15 ROLLS-ROYCE SILVER GHOST

This car is the original Silver Ghost, built in 1906, which to date has completed well over 400,000 miles and is still in excellent running order. In May 1907 this car was driven a distance of over 400 miles, entirely in top gear. Shortly afterwards, it covered 14,371 miles non-stop.
3¼ ins. 83mm.

YES ☐

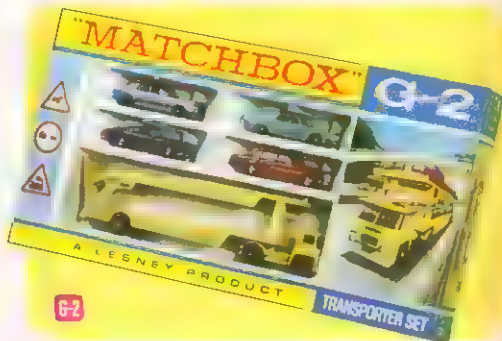




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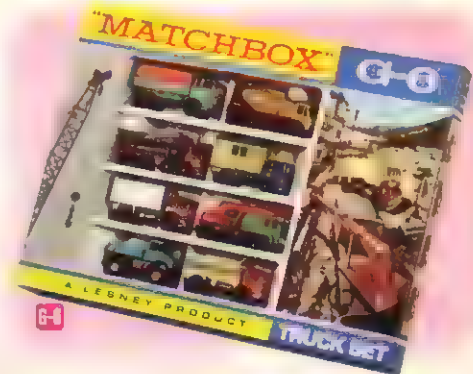
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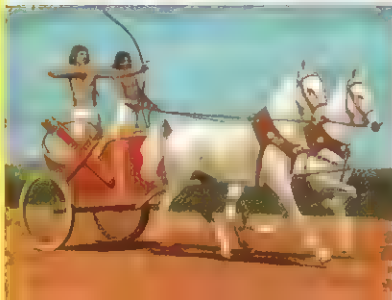


G-6

HISTORY OF THE WHEEL



The invention of the wheel was first made in the New Stone Age. From time immemorial, man had transported heavy loads on rollers made of logs of wood. Many years passed before he made transportation easier by cutting the logs into circular sections, joining them to a crudely formed axle secured to a sledge. The series of drawings show how the wheel may have developed from the log. The Egyptian Chariot of 1400 B.C. and the Roman Ox-cart illustrate its versatility. During the 16th Century, carriages of various styles and designs were in use. Journeys were usually speedy though uncomfortable due to the



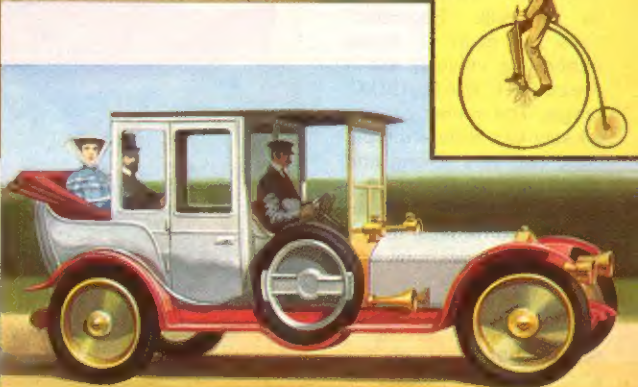
bad road surfaces and lack of suspension. The picture shows a typical stage coach of 1825.

The trade of a Wheelwright demanded a high degree of skill, using materials of wood, metal and leather.

In the 19th Century two discoveries changed the form of transportation.



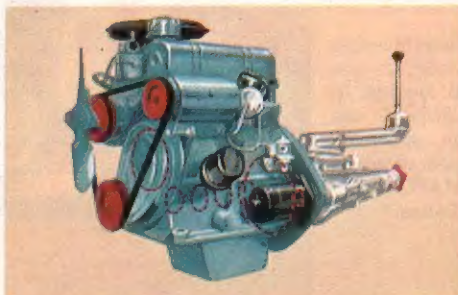
The first petrol driven car was invented in 1855, and the pneumatic tire was invented in 1888 by J. B. Dunlop. At last, the horseless carriage had arrived! The illustration shows a 1912 Rolls Royce, a model of which is available in the "MATCHBOX" "Models of Yesteryear" Series.



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